MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The letter does not say that *only* Syrian Christians are to be appointed.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Does the letter contain any provision that Nairs and Brahmins should be posted in places where they are in large numbers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No such intimation was necessary, because even now Nairs and Brahmins are posted to places where they are large in number; and also to places where they are not.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What was then the necessity to issue this order?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is given in the answer itself.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know further with regard to part (*b*) whether this particular letter is based upon the orders passed by the Dewan previously?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The second part gives the answer.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): It is stated in the answer to part (*b*) that "letters issuing from the Huzur Office are not all previously seen by the Dewan but are based upon orders passed by him". May I know whether this letter was based upon orders passed by the Dewan previously?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer to the second part.

Present Money Market.

169. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the Dewan's statements, *viz.*, "the persistent stringency of the money market" and "the continued stringency of the money market", made in 1924 and 1925, respectively, at the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, and the Financial Secretary's statements *viz.*, "and the tightness of the money market has been further enhanced" and "at no time in the memory of the present generation has she been seriously afflicted by floods, famines or other ravages of nature", made in the Legislative Council in 1098 and 1099, will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken to ease the present stringency of the money market?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): It is not possible for the Government of Travancore to ease or otherwise influence the money market into the condition of which world-factors enter.

Appointments made by the Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory.

170. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement of appointments, temporary, acting

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and permanent, made by Mr. P. O. Chacko, Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory, since he took charge of that institution on the 3rd Edavam, 1099 ?

(*b*) Is it a fact that the Superintendent has reverted acting Head Printer, Kesava Pillai, and appointed one Abraham, who was a counter and who has no experience in printing ?

(*c*) Are there not other qualified printers if Kesava Pillai is not fit for the Head Printer's post, and, if so, why was it not given to any one of them ?

(*d*) Is it a fact that the Superintendent has given the contract for annual maintenance, etc., to one of the employés of the institution and is it a fact that he has given permission to that employé to take up private contracts outside ?

(*e*) Is it a fact that one Fernandez, an employè in the Stamp Manufactory, is taking up P. W. D. contracts, with the permission of the Superintendent ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The statement* containing the information required by the Member is laid on the table.

(*b*) Printer Kesava Pillai (pay Rs. 15) was not reverted in order to give room for another. He was not confirmed when the post of Head Printer (pay Rs. 20) fell permanently vacant. The counters (pay Rs. 16-20) are on a higher scale of pay than the printers (pay Rs. 15, 13 and 12) and so the senior counter, one M. Sivaramakrishna Pillai, was confirmed as Head Printer on Rs. 20 in accordance with the principle that the post of Head Printer should be filled by promotion from among the counters. When Sivaramakrishna Pillai went on long leave preparatory to retirement, counter P. V. Abraham, the only counter then with any examination qualifications, who had on previous occasions acted as clerk on Rs. 20-25 and as Store-keeper on Rs. 35-50, was promoted.

(*c*) In view of the answer to (*b*) this does not arise.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) Printer Fernandez (on long leave) sought for and obtained from the Superintendent, permission to do some private work. It is not known whether he has taken up P. W. D. contracts.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I wanted only a statement of appointments, temporary, acting and permanent, but I find in the statement that promotions also are included. I never wanted a list of the promotions of those who were already in service. It is rather confusing when all these things are put together, and I did not get the information I wanted. May I ask whether it is a fact that many of the men who were previously acting were sent away and new men entertained subsequently, and within a short time, they were confirmed ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) The statement contains all the necessary information.

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MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I find from the list that many of the men appointed after the appointment of Mr. Chacko as Superintendent of the Stamp Manufactory were confirmed and that some of the men who were acting previously are still acting, or have been sent away.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The list is arranged according to the dates of appointment.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): But it does not include the names of those that are not actually in the Stamp Manufactory now but were once acting and at present out of employment.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The question is about the statement of appointments made by Mr. P. O. Chacko since he took charge as Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory, on 3rd Edavam 1099. All the appointments made by him whether temporary, acting or permanent, are included in the list according to the dates of appointment.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether he has appointed any of the men who were once acting but were sent out just before he took charge?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The question is not clear.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether any of those employés who were serving in the Stamp Manufactory before Mr. Chacko took charge of that department is still kept out of service without being given an appointment after Mr. Chacko took charge?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): If necessary, that information can be called for.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): In regard to part (*b*) of the answer, may I know whether it is the custom to promote counters as printers and to leave out those who have experience in printing? I ask whether it is justifiable to appoint in the place of Head Printer one who has no experience whatever in printing and who was recently entertained as a counter when there is Kesava Pillai who was acting as Head Printer and who was in the printing line for a long time and when the post also requires some technical skill?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): There is every justification for the appointment.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it because the scale of pay is such?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether it is advisable to appoint men without any technical skill as Head Printers?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The Head Printer does not require much of technical skill. He does not print. Practical experience is quite sufficient.

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MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : This Abraham has sufficient practical experience only as a Counter. Should he not have practical experience as printer ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : Anyhow he has already been appointed and he has gained practical experience.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : In regard to part (*d*) of the answer, may I know whether they have examined the files in the office before they gave this answer ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : A report was called for from the Superintendent and he has stated that he has not given the contract to any person employed in the Stamp Manufactory.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I want to know whether Government have examined the files before giving this answer ?

PRESIDENT : The member must accept the fact as stated and not proceed to dispute it. Will you please sit down ? You had your answer.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Will you please make an enquiry ?

PRESIDENT : You have just got the answer.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I have another question. May I know whether some of the employees petitioned the Dewan through the Superintendent of the Stamp Manufactory ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : It does not arise from this question.

Disbursement of Salaries to some Headmistresses.

171. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to ascertain whether some Headmistresses of incomplete Vernacular Middle Schools for Girls who had been drawing permanent salaries of Rs. 30 or Rs. 27 per mensem prior to April 1922, have been drawing a salary of only Rs. 22 per mensem, without any personal allowance, for about three years past, the balance being withheld in the bills for the period ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to draw the attention of the Director of Public Instruction and the other officers concerned to the following passage in the Government Proceedings No. Fl. 896, dated the 29th April, 1922, regarding some Headmistresses of incomplete Vernacular Middle Schools for Girls :—

"Headmistresses who now draw Rs. 30 and Rs. 27 will continue on those salaries and will be paid the local allowance of Rs. 4 in addition ?"

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to ascertain what action has been taken by the superiors of the Headmistresses concerned regarding the representations made by the latter about the grievance referred to ?

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Appendix II.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 170.**

Statement of appointments made by Mr. P. O. Chacko, Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory, since he took charge on the 3rd Edavam 1099.

Serial No.	Name.	Designation.	Pay.	Nature of appointment.	Remarks.
			Rs.		
1	M. Sivaramakrishna Pillai .	Head Printer.	20	Permanent.	Retired subsequently.
2	K. Velayudhan Pillai .	Printer.	12	Do.	Promotion.
3	K. Govinda Pillai .	Peon.	9	Do.	Outsider.
4	M. P. George .	Counter.	16	Do.	Do.
5	P. V. Abraham .	Head Printer.	20	Do.	First acting and confirmed subsequently.
6	N. Koshy .	Counter.	16	Do.	Outsider, Do. Do.
7	P. Sankara Panikkar .	Printer.	12	Acting.	Do. Still acting.
8	T. M. Abraham .	Counter.	16	Do.	Do. Do.
9	K. N. Kesava Pillai .	Do.	16	Do.	Outsider. Out of service being age-barred.
10	K. J. Varkey .	Printer.	12	Do.	Do. Out of service.
11	N. Sivarama Pillai .	Do.	12	Do.	Do. Still acting.
12	M. Padmanabha Pillai .	Do.	12	Do.	Promotion.
13	P. A. Kuttan .	Do.	12	Do.	Outsider. Out of service.
14	K. Raghavan Nair .	Counter.	16	Do.	Promotion. Reverted since.
15	Krishna Pillai .	Printer.	12	Do.	Outsider. Out of service.
16	P. T. Koshy .	Do.	12	Do.	Do. Still acting.
17	P. Padmanabhan Unni .	Do.	12	Do.	Do. Transferred to the Mint.
18	M. D'Cruz .	Do.	12	Do.	Do. Died.
19	K. Kesava Pillai .	Do.	12	Do.	Do. Still acting.
20	D. Joseph .	Peon.	9	Do.	Do. Subsequently confirmed.
21	Kesava Pillai .	Counter.	16	Do.	Promotion. Still acting.
22	G. Padmanabha Aiyar .	Printer.	12	Do.	Outsider. Out of service.
23	P. C. Isaac .	Do.	12	Do.	Do. Still acting
24	J. D'Cruz .	Do.	12	Do.	Do. Out of service.
25	V. Govinda Pillai .	Do.	12	Do.	Do. Still acting.
26	Sivasankaran .	Do.	12	Do.	Do. Do.
27	V. K. Damodaran .	Do.	12	Do.	Do. Do.

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